

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-15 (Canceled)

16. (New) An assembly comprising a fastening device and a manifold or manifold module designed for fluid distribution, the manifold having a tubular body that has a lengthwise axis and the fastening device having a support plate that is designed to receive the tubular body, characterized in that the support plate has, on the one hand, fastening means designed to cooperate with matching means provided on the manifold at a distance from the plane of the plate and, on the other hand, locking means comprised of at least one pin pivotably mounted on the plate into which is screwed at least one screw that is perpendicular thereto and whose end is designed to cooperate with a support element integral with the manifold, the manifold fastening and locking means being located to either side thereof.

17. (New) The assembly of claim 16, characterized in that each pivoting screw is mounted in a looseproof manner.

18. (New) The assembly of claim 16, further comprising by having a pivoting screw; and the fastening means being comprised of a fixed securing lug located opposite said pivotably mounted screw.

19. (New) The assembly of claim 18, characterized in that the securing lug has a central area of lesser width, designed to fit between two fastening arms of the manifold or a manifold module.

20. (New) The assembly of claim 16 further comprising a bent metal blade.

21. (New) The assembly of claim 16, the fastening means of the plate, provided on the manifold at a distance from the plane of the plate as well as the support element integral with the manifold, further comprising two fastening brackets provided on two

opposite faces of the manifold, each having a base connected to the body of the manifold and two arms extending in a substantially transverse direction.

22. (New) The assembly of claim 21, each bracket further comprising a U-shaped cross section extending along an axis perpendicular to the lengthwise axis of the manifold and to the radial outlet or outlets of this manifold.

23. (New) The assembly of claim 22, each bracket further comprising two notches at one of its ends that are designed to receive a securing lug, the latter when in the mounted position urging the manifold toward the support plate.

24. (New) The assembly of claim 17, further comprising a pivoting screw; and the fastening means being comprised of a fixed securing lug located opposite said pivotably mounted screw.

25. (New) The assembly of claim 17, the fastening means of the plate, provided on the manifold at a distance from the plane of the plate as well as the support element integral with the manifold, further comprising two fastening brackets provided on two opposite faces of the manifold, each having a base connected to the body of the manifold and two arms extending in a substantially transverse direction.

26. (New) The assembly of claim 18, the fastening means of the plate, provided on the manifold at a distance from the plane of the plate as well as the support element integral with the manifold, further comprising two fastening brackets provided on two opposite faces of the manifold, each having a base connected to the body of the manifold and two arms extending in a substantially transverse direction.

27. (New) The assembly of claim 19, the fastening means of the plate, provided on the manifold at a distance from the plane of the plate as well as the support element integral with the manifold, further comprising two fastening brackets provided on two

opposite faces of the manifold, each having a base connected to the body of the manifold and two arms extending in a substantially transverse direction.

28. (New) The assembly of claim 20, the fastening means of the plate, provided on the manifold at a distance from the plane of the plate as well as the support element integral with the manifold, further comprising two fastening brackets provided on two opposite faces of the manifold, each having a base connected to the body of the manifold and two arms extending in a substantially transverse direction.